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ABDUS SALAM
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES
(GC UNIVERSITY)
LAHORE

MINUTES AND AGENDA

17th MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS
TUESDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2008 AT 11:00 A.M.

No: ASSMS/2008-09/434.
Dated: January 12, 2009.

To:

1.	Vice Chancellor, GC University, Lahore.	Chairman
2.	Secretary, Education Department, Government of the Punjab, Lahore.	Member
3.	Secretary, Finance Department, Government of the Punjab, Lahore.	Member
4.	Chairperson, Department of Mathematics, GC University, Lahore.	Member
5.	Chairperson, Department of Mathematics, Punjab University, Lahore.	Member
6.	Chairperson, Department of Mathematics, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad.	Member
7.	Chairperson, Department of Mathematics, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore.	Member

Subject: **Minutes of the 17th Meeting of Board of Governors Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences GC University, Lahore.**

The 17th meeting of the Board of Governors of the ASSMS Lahore was convened on October 23rd 2008 at 11:00 A.M. in the Vice Chancellor's office Committee Room of the GC University Lahore.

Copy of the minutes of the meeting is enclosed for your perusal, information and comments, if any, with in a week.

Dr. A. D. Raza Choudary
Director General / Secretary Board of Governors
Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences
GC University, Lahore.

MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ABDUS SALAM SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES GC UNIVERSITY, LAHORE HELD ON OCTOBER 23rd, 2008.

The 17th Meeting of Board of Governors Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences, GC University, Lahore was held on October 23rd, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. in the Vice Chancellor's Committee Room of GC University, Lahore. The following persons attended the meeting:

Professor Dr. Khalid Aftab — Chairman
Vice Chancellor /
Chairman Board of Governors,
GC University,
Lahore.

Professor Dr. Karamat Hussain Dar — Member
Chairperson,
Department of Mathematics,
GC University, Lahore.

Raja Muhammad Nasir Ali — Member
Deputy Secretary Academics-II,
Higher Education Department,
Government of Punjab
Representing the Secretary Higher Education Department.

Ubaidullah Khokhar — Member
Deputy Secretary,
Higher Education Wing,
Finance Department,
Government of Punjab
Representing the Secretary Finance

Col (R) Bilal Ahmad
Campus Engineer
(Called on request).

Sahibzada Faisal Khurshid
Registrar, GC University Lahore
(Called on request).

Mr. Muhammad Shafiq Mughal
Treasurer, GC University Lahore
(Called on request).

Dr. A.D. Raza Choudary — Secretary
Director General,
Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences,
GC University, Lahore.

The following members could not attend the meeting due to their pre occupation:

Dr.Shahid S. Siddiqui
Chairperson,
Department of Mathematics,
University of Punjab,Lahore.

may be granted to hire the catering services through Quotations without advertisement in the newspapers. This will guarantee the quality and avoid some unpleasant surprise due to unseen.

The Chairman BOG asked the Director General that what procedure was adopted last year to manage the catering and other facilities. He briefed that last year BOG accorded the approval to hire the caterer in the same way as it is requested this time.

Chairman BOG advised the Director General that ASSMS first prequalify the three caterers for the events and thereafter call the quotations from the prequalified parties for the events in view the importance and nature of the event. The BOG further advised that the price should not be compromised over the quality of the food in this case.

AGENDA ITEM EIGHT

INTERNATIONAL KANGAROO MATHEMATICS CONTEST.

Professor Dr A.D. Raza Choudary, Director General ASSMS briefed the BOG that during the year 2005 he applied for the membership of the association KSF (Kangaroo sans Frontier). The KSF nominated him the only person authorized to organize the international Kangaroo Mathematics Contest in Pakistan. As the omnipotent representative of Pakistan and Chairman of Pakistan Kangaroo Commission Dr. A. D. Raza was given the responsibility for promoting the activities of the Association in Pakistan

At this nearest stage of establishment of ASSMS the school needed recognition at the National and international level. Therefore ignoring the KSF spirit he started organizing international Kangaroo Mathematics contest under the flag of ASSMS - GC University Lahore with the permission of the BOG. This activity made Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences known to the world in a very short time.

He further added that in a recent e-mail from the President of the Association KSF he has asked us to manage the Kangaroo Contest privately.He suggest that we should agree to it before the (KSF) take away the membership of Pakistan. As the President Andre Delidicq said in his e-mail, we should respect the spirit of the contest "Mathematics without limits".

The Chairman BOG asked the Director General to brief the BOG how this contest takes place in other countries of the world. The Director General told the BOG that KSF nominates individuals in every country with a responsibility to promote the activities of the KSF. The KSF does not admit the organizations as a member. The one can only apply for the nomination depending upon how much international support he has at the international level. Thereafter depending upon the recommendations of the international community the membership is awarded to Mathematicians of international repute.

The Chairman BOG pointed out to the DG that organizing this contest privately at a larger scale seems impossible since the culture of our country is very different than that of the Europe and other parts of the world where this contest was born. When this kind of activity is started privately in our country there are chances of other unwanted pressures for other considerations from different groups of print and electronic media etc. The Chairman, BOG asked the other members for their

opinion, after a discussion it was concluded that there is no intermediate way to manage. Therefore in the light of the observation of the president of the Association KSF Mr. Andre Delidicq who has asked Pakistan to manage the Kangaroo Contest privately in the same manner as it is organized world wide. All the members of the BOG agreed with the proposal that we should respect the spirit of the contest "Mathematics without limits" as desired by the President of KSF (Kangaroo Sans Frontier) and accorded the approval to Dr. A.D.Raza Choudary to organize the international Kangaroo Mathematics Contest in Pakistan privately without the logistic support of ASSMS and GCU as required by the KSF.

AGENDA ITEM NINE

ENHANCEMENT OF DURATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME FROM 4 YEARS TO 5 YEARS AS PER HEC POLICY.

Professor Dr A.D. Raza Choudary, Director General ASSMS briefed the BOG that the HEC has enhanced the duration of the PhD scholarship scheme from 4 years to 5 years from January 1st 2008.He proposed that ASSMS may also be allowed to make it PhD programme compatable with HEC by enhancing the duration of financial assistance scheme from 4 years to 5 years.

The BOG approved the proposal of enhancement of the duration of the PhD scholarship/financial assistance scheme of ASSMS from 4 years to 5 years as per HEC revision made from January 1st 2008.

AGENDA ITEM TEN

ADMISSION OF 05 FOREIGN STUDENTS TO PHD PROGRAMME AT ABDUS SALAM SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES, GC UNIVERSITY LAHORE EVERY YEAR.

Professor Dr A.D.Raza Choudary, Director General ASSMS briefed the BOG that due to quality of research carried out at ASSMS, GC University Lahore, this institution is now becoming attractive for foreign students as well.

Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences, GC University Lahore will start admitting 05 foreign students every year. This year Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences, GC University Lahore has admitted 4 foreign students. These foreign students are well qualified and they are admitted on the basis of admission test administered by our trusted faculty members from Indonesia and China. This is a good sign for the doctoral program of GC University Lahore. Therefore BOG is requested for the approval of the admission of these foreign students with a financial assistance of Rs. 35000/= (Rupees thirty five thousands) per month.

The matter was discussed in length all the members appreciated the initiative of the GC University for opening the doors of research for international students.

Keeping in view the economic, social and cultural benefits to the nation the BOG approved the proposal of admitting 5 foreign students at ASSMS every year with a monthly financial assistance of Rs.35000/= (Rupees thirty five thousands only) subject to ASSMS budget provisions. Professor Dr Khalid Aftab, Chairman BOG also advised that these

students may be charged nominal admission fees to complete the admission formality.

AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN

INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF THE PHD STUDENTS.

Professor Dr A.D.Raza Choudary, Director General ASSMS briefed the BOG that there has been no increase in the financial assistance of the PhD scholars at ASSMS, GC University Lahore since 2005.During the past three years the salaries of the government and non government employees are increased almost every year, also HEC and other institutions have increased their financial assistance and fellowship of their PhD scholars since 2005. He therefore proposed to the BOG that the financial assistance of PhD scholars at ASSMS also be enhanced from Rs.18000/= per month to Rs.21000/=per month. It was also pointed out to the BOG that this increase will result into an additional expenditure of Rs.3.60 million per year (budget head A-06102 others/Financial Assistance). He also briefed that during the year 2008-09 the increase in expenditure will be met out of the previous savings of the institute, however thereafter in the long run the increase in expenditure will be met form the regular budget of government of the Punjab through SNE. Subject to the approval the students will be paid financial assistance at the enhanced rates from the month of January 2009.

After a detailed discussion and seeking the comments from the representative of the finance department, BOG approved the proposal to increase the financial assistance of the PhD scholars of ASSMS from Rs.18000/= per month to Rs.21000/=per month subject to budgetary provisions of ASSMS with effect from January 2009.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Dr. A. D. Raza Choudary
Director General / Secretary
Board of Governors
Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences
GC University, Lahore

MINUTES APPROVED BY

Professor Dr. Khalid Aftab
Chairman Board of Governors
Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences
GC University Lahore.